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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, £2,100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

HONGKONG, February 15, 1882.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £200,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue de la Paix, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOULOGNE, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW, MELBOURNE, and SYDNEY.

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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

F. COCHINARD,
Agent, Hongkong.

HONGKONG, February 8, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. W. KEEFOOT HUGHES in our Firm CHARGED on the 31st December last. The Business will be carried on, under the name of Mr. WILLIAM LEGGIE and Mr. EDWARD JONES HUGHES.

HUGHES & LEGGIE,
Hongkong, January 14, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by Messrs KYNOD & Co. of WATSON, near Birmingham.

MEYER & Co.,
Hongkong, August 13, 1881.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK DEBLOIS BUSH is admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this date, and Mr. GEORGE H. WHEELER is authorized to Sign our Name.

RUSSELL & Co.,
China, 1st January, 1882.

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, of Tokyo, at this Port.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 14th March, 1882, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, SUNDRIY CURIOS, belonging to the Estate of the late KONG A-CHIEH, comprising:—

Old BRONZES; SANGUE DE BEUTE VASES and INCENSE BURNERS, ENAMELLED OR PORCELAIN, SUNDRIY VASES and OTHER CURIOS.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 7, 1882.

To Let.

TO LET.

OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, "KURAHJEAN," No. 10, ALBANY ROAD.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE. Quarts, £17 per 1 doz. Case. Pints, £18 per 2 doz. " "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

FOR SALE—JUST RECEIVED.

BEST INDIAN SILVER JEWELLERY, of various kinds. INDIAN CASIMERE SHAWLS. SMOKING CAPS. RUMPORE CHUDERS; and CASHMERE CLOTH, assorted, for LADIES' DRESSES.

AT MODERATE PRICES. N. M. KHAMISA, 8 and 10, Peel Street.

Hongkong, January 28, 1882.

FOR SALE.

ABOUT 2,000 lbs. MILLER & RICHARD'S Extra-hard Metal BOURGEOIS TYPE, No. 10, (somehow worn but in fairly good condition).

Apply to OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, July 22, 1881.

FOR SALE.

MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S Celebrated BRANDS, THREEPALL'S EXPORT PALE ALE, and FINEST'S ** DUBLIN STOUT in Pints and Quarts. Fine OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen.

Also, GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

Intimations.

WANTED.

A Managing PARTNER for an Old Established WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANT'S BUSINESS, with ASSORTED WATERS MANUFACTORY and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS combined.

For full Particulars, apply to "A. B. C.," c/o OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, January 26, 1882.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, IN LIQUIDATION.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1881.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to furnish the Under- signed with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December, 1881, in order that the DISTRIBUTION of the PROFITS Reserved for Contributions may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to APRIL 15th NEXT will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

F. B. JOHNSON, Liquidator. F. ALFORD, Liquidator. CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, 1881.

Hongkong, March 8, 1882.

TOK KEE.

33, WING HEE LANE, HONGKONG.

KEEPS on hand for Sale all Kinds of STEAM COAL of the best quality, at moderate rate; also has always Powerful STEAM LAUNCHES for Hire at a reasonable Charge, either for special Purposes, Excursions, or Towing.

Hongkong, January 13, 1882.

Intimations.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—LOW CHUN, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, DRAPER, No. 21, Jervois Street, having been adjudged BANKRUPT under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, on the 1st day of March, 1882, is hereby required to surrender himself to EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, the Registrar of the said Court, at the First Meeting of Creditors to be held by the said Registrar on the 24th day of March, 1882, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon precisely, at the office of the Registrar of the said Court. The said EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and Messrs STEPHENS and HOLMES are the Solicitors in the Bankruptcy.

A Public Sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said bankrupt to pass his Last Examination and to make application for his Discharge, of which Sitting notice will be given in the Hongkong Government Gazette.

At the First Meeting of Creditors, the Registrar will receive the Proofs of the Debts of the Creditors, and the Creditors who shall have proved their Debts respectively, or the majority in value of the said Creditors, are hereby directed to choose at such Meeting an assignee or assignees of the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects to be called the Creditors' assignee or assignees.

Dated this 11th day of March, 1882.

STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors in the Matter.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT—No. 1.

MIN RIVER.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a SHOAL or SAND BANK has formed in the FAIRWAY of the RIVER about EIGHT CABLES below the lower limit Point of the Pagoda Anchorage.

Its Dimensions are one cable in length, and one-third of a cable in width. The following Bearings are approximate—taken from the Shoalst Part of Bank on which, at low water springs, there are Eight feet of water.

The Chi (舊岐), Village Joss House, East distant about one-and-a-half cables, Half-Tide-Rock (江西礁), 8.18° W., distant about 2 cables.

N.E. Corner of Customs House, S. 37° W., The Pagoda, S. 72° W., Bluff on with Yang-Hoi (洋興), N. 50° E.

The Size, Form, and Position of this Bank is liable to frequent change owing to tidal and other influences.

C. H. PALMER, Harbour Master.

By EDGAR, Acting Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House, Foochow, 3rd March, 1882.

NAVAL CONTRACT, 1882-83.

SEALED TENDERS, in Duplicate, will be received by the Undersigned, until Noon, on THURSDAY, the 16th Instant, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the Use of H. M. NAVY for the year 1882-83, viz.:

BISCUIT, SOFT BREAD, FRESH BEER, FRESH VEGETABLES, RAISINS, RICE, SUGAR, TEA, WATER.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further Particulars can be obtained at the NAVAL STOREKEEPER'S Office.

The right to reject the lowest, or any Tender is reserved.

E. B. JOREY, Naval Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard, Hongkong, 3rd March, 1882.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Annual General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on FRIDAY, the 17th day of March current, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1881.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 17th Current, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, March 1, 1882.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Eleventh Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 24th March, 1882, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1881.

The Transfer BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 16th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, D. M'LAURIN, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, March 10, 1882.

WANTED.

COMPETENT SURGEONS for STEAMERS and SAILING SHIPS, hence to Victoria, Portland and San Francisco. For Particulars, apply to

RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, February 22, 1882.

Intimations.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Under the Management of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. of China.)

CAPITAL, £1,200,000. Divided into 120,000 Shares of £10 each. Present Issue, £600,000, in 60,000 Shares.

Of this issue, 18,000 fully paid up Shares will be allotted in the terms of the Agreement mentioned below, and the balance of 42,000 Shares is now offered for Public Subscription as follows:—£1 per Share, as Deposit, on Application. £2 on Allotment, of the one part, and JOHN LOUIE, Esq., on behalf of the Company, of the other part, with a Memorandum endorsed thereon dated 30th December, 1881, between WILLIAM KESWICK, Esq., on behalf of JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., of the one part, and JOHN LOUIE, Esq., on behalf of the Company, of the other part.

Copies of the above Agreement and Memorandum, of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the above-mentioned Valuation, can be inspected by intending Subscribers, at the Office of the Solicitors of the Company, Messrs. FRESHFIELDS & WILLIAMS, 5, Bank Buildings, London.

WILLIAM KESWICK, Esq., 3, Lombard Street, London, of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., China and Japan.

JAMES MCGREGOR, Esq., 1, East India Avenue, London, of Messrs McGREGOR, GOW & Co.

THOMAS REID, Esq., of Messrs ANDERSON REID & SONS, Glasgow.

JAMES MACANDREW, Esq., 3, Lombard Street, London, of Messrs MATTHEWS & Co.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 21, Lombard Street, London.

Messrs FRESHFIELDS & WILLIAMS, 5, Bank Buildings, London.

Messrs HOLLAND, BALFOUR & HAMILTON, 2, Cussion Court, Old Broad Street, London.

Messrs TURQUAND, YOUNG & Co., 41, Coleman Street, London.

Temporary Agents, No. 1, EAST INDIA AVENUE, London, E.C.

THIS Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from the CHINA COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, of Shanghai, the YANTZE STEAMER COMPANY, of Shanghai, and JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. the Steamers specified in the Schedule attached hereto, together with the business of running Steamers on the Coast and Rivers of China, and between China, the Straits Settlements, and Calcutta.

The Directors believe such a consolidation of the various interests represented, and the making provision, by adding Steamers to the present fleet for meeting the growing requirements of a rapidly developing traffic in the Eastern seas, will render the business of the Company a remunerative investment.

The Nine Steamers of the CHINA COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, and the YANTZE STEAMER COMPANY, as specified in the annexed schedule, have been valued by Mr. J. J. TUCKER, Lloyd's Surveyor at Shanghai, and by Mr. C. J. BENTON, Surveyor to the Canton and other Insurance Offices, at £140,000, to which £15,000 have been added for expense of delivering in China, £15,000 for the actual cost of building other boats, and other outlay at Chinkiang, Kichang and Hankow, and the minor stations on the river Yangtze, together with £50,000, or at premium of 20.40 per cent. for the entire business and its connections, making a total of £220,000 the sum agreed upon with the Vendors, and which amount is to be repaid to the Vendors by the Company in full paid-up shares of the Company.

The new Steamer "Socorro" will be taken over at a valuation of £20,000, the "Fook-sang" at £32,000, and the "Peking" at £24,000.

THE CHINA COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY was established in 1872 to unite shipping interests connected with North China, and has been successful in developing an important carrying trade between Fookchow and Shanghai, Chofoo, Tientsin, and Newchang, on which lines six Steamers are employed.

The YANTZE STEAMER COMPANY have three Steamers lying on the river between Shanghai and Hankow, and have hulks, boats, and every necessary facility provided at the various ports of call for prompt and efficient service in conducting a large carrying and passenger traffic. The Steamers are new, the "Taiwo" having been launched as recently as last May, and they have been designed to meet the special requirements of Chinese passengers and the native carrying trade.

The "Socorro" is a new Steamer of 1,400 tons, built at Aberdeen, and despatched to China in February last, where she will shortly be joined by the "Fook-sang," 1,500 tons, the building of which has just been completed at Hongkong, and by the "Peking," of about 600 tons, now approaching completion at Glasgow. These boats have been specially built for the more Southern Coast Trade that has Hongkong for its centre, and in connection with which the Vendors have already attained an important position.

The Company's Service will take the place of the Steamers (their own or chartered) which Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. have run for upwards of twenty-six years, and which have carried the mails between China, the Straits Settlements, and India. This line is a valuable one, and is considered of growing importance, owing to the increasing passenger traffic and trade of China with the Straits Settlements and India.

It is proposed to build two large and powerful Steamers, specially adapted to this branch of the trade, to take the place of the Chartered Vessels at present employed in the service, and the Directors expect that to accomplish this, and to make the desirable additions to the Coast and River Service, a sum of £120,000 will be applied.

The earnings of the CHINA COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY's fleet during late years, the results obtained by Chartered Steamers on the lines so provided with tonnage, and the working of the Yangtze River Service, show good realized profits, and it may confidently be anticipated, with the substitution of European Vessels for the native Junk that is taking place on the Coast of China, and the general expansion of the Carrying Trade in the Eastern Seas, and on the Rivers of China, that the Company will find ample scope for profitable enterprise. The business, though still capable of great development, has the benefit of being a going concern, and active

Shipping.

Steamers.

service is proceeding on all the lines indicated, bringing in a revenue out of which the Directors reasonably expect profits to pay Dividends, besides forming a Reserve Fund for Depreciation in the value of Steamers.

The following is the only Agreement that has been entered into by or on behalf of the Company:—

1. An Agreement dated 30th November, 1881, between WILLIAM KESWICK, Esq., on behalf of the CHINA COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, the YANTZE STEAMER COMPANY, and JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., respective Vendors of the concerns disposed of, of the one part, and JOHN LOUIE, Esq., on behalf of the Company, of the other part, with a Memorandum endorsed thereon dated 30th December, 1881, between WILLIAM KESWICK, Esq., on behalf of JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., of the one part, and JOHN LOUIE, Esq., on behalf of the Company, of the other part.

Copies of the above Agreement and Memorandum, of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the above-mentioned Valuation, can be inspected by intending Subscribers, at the Office of the Solicitors of the Company, Messrs. FRESHFIELDS & WILLIAMS, 5, Bank Buildings, London.

If no allotment is made the deposit will be returned, and if a smaller number of Shares be allotted than applied for, the surplus of the deposit will be applicable to the payment of the amount due on allotment. If any instalment is not duly paid the allotment will be liable to cancellation, and the payments previously made to forfeiture.

Application for Shares must be made in the Form accompanying this Prospectus, and forms may be had at the Offices of the Company, and of the Brokers, Messrs. HOLLAND, BALFOUR & HAMILTON, 2, Cussion Court, Old Broad Street, London.

SCHEDULE OF STEAMERS.

Applying, 650 tons. The property of the China Coast Steam Navigation Company.

Applying, 1,400 tons. The property of the Yantze Steamer Company.

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For Sale.

MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.

Have Received For Sale.

CHRISTMAS STORES AND NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS.

EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.
MUSCATEL RAISINS.
METZ FRUIT.
ASSORTED COSAQUES.
CARRIAGE & BOWSER'S CONFECTIONERY.
BUTTER SCOTCH.
HONEY SCOTCH.
ROSE TOFFEE.
LEMON TOFFEE.
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
PLUM PUDDINGS.
PATRAS CURRANTS.
VALENCIA RAISINS.
MACKINNON PEN.
LIVERMORE PEN.
LAWN TENNIS BATS.
LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

ST. YON CHEESE.
YORK HAMS.
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
THERMOPHORE'S DESSERT FRUITS.
ALMONDS AND RAISINS.
SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.
PILCHETS.
COCAONINA.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
LIBBY'S & EPP'S COCOA.
FRENCH PLUMS.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.
PATRÉ DE FOIE GRAS.
MINCENNET.
CHOCOLATE-MENIER.
SAUSAGES.
BRAWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.
DANISH BUTTER.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
ANCHOVIES.
ASPARAGUS.
SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES—
HIDEKIN'S MONOPOLE & WHITE
SEAL.
VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.
JULES MUUM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—
CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.
CHATEAU LAITE, " "
DRE, GRAVES, " "
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT—
SACON'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO.
SACON'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.
1, 2 & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
BISQUIT DUBOIS & Co.'S BRANDY.
FINEST OLD DOUBOIS WHISKY.
KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENDEAL WHISKY.
CHATEAU D'YVONNE.
MARASCHINO.
CURACAO.
ANGOSTURA.
BONK & ORANGE BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BUNKE, pints and quarts.
PILSENER BEER, in quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.
ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.

Fresh ROLL BUTTER.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
BOSTON CAVIARE.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.
Pickled OX-TONGUES.
Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.
PARAGON MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.
Best Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Outing's Dressed FRUITS in 2 1/2 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted PICKLES.
MINCEMEAT.
COMB HONEY in Original Frames.
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.
Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.
Lunch TONGUE.
McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.
Olan-GHOWER.
Smoked SALMON.
Green TURTLE in 2 1/2 lb cans.
&c., &c., &c.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA
RACKER
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.
Alphabetical BIS-
CUITS.
Fancy Sweet Mixed
BISCUITS.
GINGER CAKES.
SODA BISCUITS.
Oyster BISCUITS.
Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
HOMINY.
CORNMEAL.
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.
RYE MEAL.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 and 10 catty boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.
SHIPHANDLING of every Description.
RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly
executed.
Hongkong, January 26, 1882.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

FOR THREE NIGHTS ONLY, COM-
MENCING ON
WEDNESDAY, 15th March.

FIRST APPEARANCE IN CHINA OF THE
WONDERFUL AND FAMOUS
PROFESSOR ANDERSON,
PROFESSOR ANDERSON,
PROFESSOR ANDERSON,
Great Wizard of the North,
&c.

"In the absence of such a report, and in view of the small progress made in the Public Works in question, I must request you to once to furnish me with full explanations on the subject so as to enable me to come to an early decision as to the disposal of the surplus funds belonging to the Government of Hongkong."

"Subject to your approval of the estimates, and to convey to Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance of the Appropriation Ordinance for 1882, entitled 'An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding five hundred and eleven thousand five hundred and ten dollars to the Public Service of the year 1882.'"

"I have to instruct you, on receiving this despatch, to have it printed and laid in full before your Legislative Council."

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

(Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

GLADSTONE AND THE COMMITTEE

ON THE LAND ACT.

LONDON, March 10.

The House of Commons agreed to Mr Gladstone's resolution by 303 votes against 235 condemning a committee of inquiry into the working of the Land Act.

THE BILL TO RESTRICT CHINESE IMMIGRATION

LONDON, March 10.

The United States Senate has voted the bill to restrict immigration of Chinese.

SKOLBEFF'S SPEECH.

LONDON, March 11.

The Emperor of Russia has expressed displeasure at Skolbeff's speech.

THE WORLD-BE RECIDED.

LONDON, March 11.

Maclean is charged with high treason.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE EAST ENGLISH MAIL, bringing London dates to the 10th February, may be expected to arrive here on Friday, the 17th inst., by the P. & O. steamer *Khiva*.

THE DELIVERY OF THE FRENCH MAIL was begun at 1.30 p.m. to-day.

THE S.S. GAZELLE, with San Francisco Mail, &c., to the 15th ultimo, has arrived at Yokohama, and leaves for this port to-morrow.

THE ADMINISTRATOR has been pleased to recognize provisionally, and until further notice, Mr. C. Vincent Smith as Consul for Sweden and Norway at this Port.

THREE ARRIVED by the French mail steamer *Natal* this morning, the Hon. G. Philippo, the new Chief Justice, and to-day the ceremony of his being sworn in took place. Mr Philippo is accompanied by Mrs Philippo.

MESSRS BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE informed us that the O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Patroclus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore yesterday (Sunday) forenoon for this port and Shanghai.

ACCORDING to a Government Notification in the Gazette, it will be seen that Dr. James Stockwell has, owing to the departure of Dr. Murray, been appointed Acting Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital.

THE SPANISH STEAMER *Francisco Reyes* went to Kowloon Dock to-day, and the S.S. *Activ* will go into the same place to-morrow. The S.S. *Arcton* appeared left the Cosmopolitan Dock; the S.S. *Altay* left Kowloon Dock, and the S.S. *Moray* and *Nelson* leave Aberdeen to-morrow.

At the Supreme Court this morning, in Summary Jurisdiction, Mr Sharp (Crown Solicitor) expressed to Mr Justice Russell the regret felt by the profession at the learned Judge's retirement from the Bench, and hoped that they would soon have the pleasure of seeing him again in a judicial capacity. His Honour thanked Mr Sharp, and jocularly remarked that he would not be sorry to see the hope realized.

An inquest was held this afternoon at the Government Civil Hospital before the Coroner, (H. E. Woodhouse, Esq.), and the following gentlemen as a jury:—Messrs R. C. Harley, E. H. Joseph, and J. R. White, touching the death of Young Ayee, stone-mason, who died on Saturday last. The deceased was engaged working at the new works of the Chinese Sugar Refining Company. On Saturday, the 4th instant, while standing on a scaffold about 14 feet from the ground and hoisting some stones by means of a rope, suspended from a wooden beam three feet above his head, he was precipitated to the ground by the beam giving way. He fell among some bricks, and his fellow-workmen removed him to their matshed, at the same time reporting the matter to a Lukong, who wanted to have him conveyed to the hospital; this, however, was not acceded to, and although the man had been treated by a native doctor, he succumbed on Saturday morning, about 8 o'clock. He was about 50 years of age. No medical evidence was taken. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Yesterday evening, after dark, a rather desperate attack was made on a Sergeant of Police. During the afternoon a naval officer reported to Sergeant Hanson, who is stationed at the Peak, that a Chinaman, with a large stone in his hand, had followed him on a sidewalk until the officer's suspicions were aroused, when he stopped the Chinaman. The Sergeant accompanied the officer, a part of the way down to try and discover the Chinaman, but failed to get any trace of him either on the way down or back. Later on the Sergeant came down the Road some distance with a friend, and on the

way back was attacked by a Chinaman, (believed to be the same as followed the officer) with a bamboo, with which he inflicted a severe scalp wound, the Sergeant returning the blow with a stick he had in his possession. For some little time Sergeant Hanson was stunned, but on coming round, in conjunction with a Chinaman with a lantern, he made a search of the bushes in the vicinity, and there found the assailant he too having been somewhat stunned by the blow he had received. The Sergeant was taken to the Hospital, and the Chinaman to the Police Station. This morning the latter, Wong Akong was brought before the Magistrate, but the case was remanded till Wednesday next. It is not known as yet whether the desperado was alone or accompanied by accomplices.

In relation to the application made by Inspectors of Police for an increase of pay the following appears in Saturday's *Gazette*,—from Earl Kimberley to Sir John Pope Hennessy:—

Downing Street, Dec. 10.
SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Trenchard's despatch No. 8 of the 26th of September, forwarding a petition from certain Inspectors of Police for increase of pay.

You will acquaint these gentlemen that I have not failed to duly consider their several cases, but that I do not see any sufficient ground to justify me in acceding to their request.

The following account, duly certified, of the average amount of bank notes in circulation in Hongkong during the month ending 28th February, 1882, is published for general information in the *Gazette*:

BANKS.	AVERAGE DURING THE MONTH.	RESERVE.
O. B. Corporation,	996,100	300,000
C. M. Bank of India,	625,723	210,000
C. B. of India,	779,184	280,000
H. & S. Banking Corporation,	1,866,107	700,000
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ACCORDING to a notification in the *Gazette* the Governor has been pleased to grant four months' vacation leave and four months' leave of absence on half pay from this date to Mr Alfred Lister, Postmaster General and Collector of Stamp Revenue. Consequent on Mr Lister's departure on leave, His Excellency has made the following appointments:—

Mr Samuel Barff, to be Acting Postmaster General, retaining his Office of Assistant of the Supreme Court.
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ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.

II TRUATORE.

The Italian Opera Company made their first appearance in Hongkong on Saturday evening, selecting for their first performance the favourite opera "Il Truatore." From what the Shanghai press had said regarding the artists composing this Company, it was expected that their efforts would be somewhat above the ordinary run of troupes which find their way east of Calcutta. It is satisfactory to have to report that such expectations were not disappointed, for in several respects the Italian Opera Company brought down by Signor Rodich is superior to most which we have seen here in Hongkong for many years. The manner in which Verdi's well-known master-piece was placed upon the stage, taken together with the creditable vocalisation on the part of all concerned, and once proved to the audience of Saturday night that an unusual treat was secured for the music-loving public for the next few weeks. In the cast the most prominent figure was certainly that of Signor Giochi, as *Conte de Luna*. The Signor has a good presence, an easy, cultivated manner, and probably the finest baritone voice of any artist who has visited this Colony. In view of the excellence of Signor Bergamaschi (who appeared here not long ago) this latter remark is high praise; but not a whit more than Signor Giochi deserves. Indeed, although the efforts of all the members were fully appreciated, it was apparent enough that the singular merit of the artist who sustained the rôle of the Count was the attraction which first warmed up the audience into real enthusiasm. His representation of the Count was worthy of all praise, and all who saw him and heard his superb voice were loud in their encomiums. Next in order may be mentioned Signora Silini (prima contralto), who, in the part of *Assunta*, the gipsy, displayed histrionic powers of a very high order of excellence; her personation of the character being so powerfully realistic as to suggest to one inclined to hypercriticism a trifle of exaggeration. She possesses a powerful voice of great purity, and her artistic finish outshines her to the place of honour on the present occasion. Signora Lubici (prima donna soprano) and Signor Vanzetti (primo tenore) as *Leonora* and *Mauricio*, acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the audience. The Signora, who has a sweet voice, is an accomplished actress, and appeared to identify herself with the part she played with graceful ease and accuracy of conception. In the scenes where she appeared with *Mauricio*, her careful acting was none the less appreciated, because it was free from any suspicion of exaggeration. Signor Vanzetti, whose voice is certainly that of a pure tenor, if a little forced on this occasion,

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SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before the Hon. J. Russell, Acting Puisne Judge.)

Monday, March 13.

BAIN V. RECHWALD, \$19.—This was a claim to recover payment of the above sum, due for advertising certain performances, which the defendant gave in the City Hall, in the *China Mail* newspaper, the order being forwarded from the *Daily Press* office. It was stated that it was customary to send an order from the paper to another, as it saved the advertiser considerable trouble. The defendant, who was a printer, had advertised to be forwarded by the *Daily Press* to the *China Mail*, but asserted that it was not his intention that any subsequent notices should appear in the latter paper.

Mr Smith, of the *Daily Press*, said he remembered being told to forward the first advertisement by the defendant, and stated that he inferred, when a person inserted the first of such notices as those in question, he intended all subsequent advertisements to be likewise inserted.

His Lordship in non-suiting the plaintiff, remarked that he was sorry that he had to do so, but he had to give this decision on the ground that there had been no sufficient proof given of an order or ratification of the order. His Lordship however was of opinion that the defendant, who had had the advantage and benefit of the advertising, should pay the money. His Lordship was also of opinion that defendant was morally bound to pay the amount. (The Judge) could not order payment, but he thought the defendant should pay the amount claimed, as any honest man would do.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Hon. F. Snowden, Acting Chief Justice.)

No Cause Six.

Mr Mossop, of Messrs Denny and Mossop, appeared for the petitioner, and Mr Johnson, of Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson, represented the debting creditor.

It was stated that the petitioner's liabilities amounted to \$130,000 and the assets to \$106,000, which were stated, with few exceptions, to be bad, or doubtful. Adjudication was granted and Thursday the 9th prox. appointed for the first meeting of creditors.

Mr Mossop applied for the release of the petitioner, who is at present imprisoned, but Mr Johnson opposed the granting of his release, until he had been Gazetted. The question for the release was adjourned until Monday next.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the Report for the presentation to the Shareholders at the Fourth Ordinary Annual Meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Agents, at 3 o'clock p.m. on Friday, the 17th March:—

The General Agents beg to submit to the Shareholders their Report on the Working of the Refineries, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year 1881.

The Working Account shows a considerable increase on the result of the previous year, being \$224,511.56 against \$198,425.04 for 1880, but the charge for interest has been much greater owing to the larger amount payable on debentures, and the necessity of holding over during the last summer unusually heavy stocks both of Raw and Refined Sugars. At the close of the year the General Agents were successful in working up almost the entire stock of Raw and Refined Sugars, and in holding only a small quantity of Refined Sugar unsold.

The Net Balance of Profit and Loss Account, including \$3,950.04 brought forward from last year, after providing for the usual charges, amounts to \$142,324.71. An Interim Dividend of 85 per share, absorbing \$300,000, has already been paid, on the 15th August, and it is proposed to appropriate the balance as follows, viz:—

A Second Dividend of 85 per Share payable on the 15th March, 1882,	\$ 30,000.00
To apply towards reduction of Property Account,	75,000.00
To the Credit of the Refineries,	2,000.00
Leaving a Balance to carry forward to next account of	5,324.71
Total,	\$112,324.71

The General Agents, with the approval of the Consulting Committee, and with the object of consolidating the Establishments of the Refineries, have closed the Wanchai Sugar House. Two of the present machines which were in work there have been removed to Swatow, and the remainder have been transferred to East Point. A considerable saving will be effected by this re-arrangement of the Refineries, in the cost of superintendence as well as in coals and labour, and it is expected, which will, it is expected, be apparent in next year's accounts, and the valuable property of the Company at Wanchai is made available for sale or for rental as may be found the more advantageous to the Company's interests.

The Manager, Mr. Henry Dickie, went home upon leave of absence in September last. He has visited the principal Refineries in the United States of America and Great Britain, with the view of ascertaining more especially if any labour-saving appliances can be introduced into the Company's works with advantage; his report is looked for at an early date.

Property Account.—During the Year the Refineries have cost \$223,220, which sum has been placed to the debit of Working Account. The cost of some additional Machinery and the balance of the contract price for the new gallow have been added to the Property Account, which stands in the Books on the 31st December 1881, at \$259,461.44 against \$267,791.82, at a similar date in 1880. It is not intended to put anything to the Property Account during the current year, as it is anticipated that the expense of removing the Wanchai Machinery to East Point and Swatow can well be borne by the Working Account.

Consulting Committee.—Mr E. R. Bellini being absent from the Colony does not come forward for re-election. Messrs E. D. Sassoon and W. Reimers offer themselves for re-election, and Messrs A. McIver, and W. Kerfoot Hughes, have been nominated, for the approval of the Shareholders, to the two other vacant seats on the Committee.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs Thos. Arnold and L. C. Ralston. The latter acting for Mr Edward Cope who is temporarily absent from the Colony. Messrs Arnold and Cope are recommended for re-election.

JAMES MATTHEW & CO.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 9th March.

TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams are from Ceylon papers:—

London, Feb. 15.—Commander Selby, of Her Majesty's ship *Falcon*, was attacked and dangerously wounded at Arak in Arakolia while out shooting. The Port, replying to a representation of the British Ambassador, has ordered the perpetrators to be arrested and has dispatched an ironclad to the spot.

Sir Charles Dilke in reply to a question denied the reported revolt in Herat.

Feb. 16.—The cause of the assault on Commander Selby were not political, but owing to a mis-understanding.

Sir Stafford Northcote, speaking at a Conservative banquet, whilst admitting that the pacificatory rule required alteration, disapproved of the proposals of Government, as infringing the rights of the minority and the freedom of debate.

Feb. 16.—Mr Allsopp, the Conservative candidate, has been elected for Taunton by a large majority in the room of the deceased member.

Feb. 16.—Mr Gladstone on Monday next will move the new Parliamentary rules.

Feb. 18.—Commander Selby's assailants have been arrested.

Cairo, Feb. 16.—The Egyptian Government has decided on the complete abolition of slavery, and radical measures will be introduced into the Sudan with that object.

London, Feb. 17.—The debate in the House of Commons respecting the report on the Address continues.

Mr Gladstone denied that his recent speech was an encouragement to the Home Rule agitation, and said that he was not prepared to give Ireland self-government greater than England and Scotland.

London, Feb. 18.—The Lords have agreed to a motion for Select Committee to enquire into the working of the Land Act by 96 against 54, in spite of the opposition of the Government.

Feb. 18.—The Commons have voted the report on the Address.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S REPORT.

The following Annual Report from the Postmaster General is published in the *Gazette*:—

General Post Office, Hongkong, 16th February, 1882.

SIR,—I have the honour to report on the British Postal Service in Hongkong and China during 1881.

2.—Few persons who have had much to do with the preparation of Reports, especially of such as are drawn up in the mere course of routine, can have avoided asking themselves whether these annually recurring documents are of any use? And when they mainly consist of masses of tabulated figures, it may be doubted whether they are of such practical service as to compensate for the heavy expense of printing. It is satisfactory therefore to consider that valuable additions to our Postal Service—Parcel Post with India and with Ceylon, and a Money Order system with India—have been instituted as direct consequences of the Report prepared in this Department last year. Advantage has been taken of the initiation of the India Money Order system to revise our Rates of Money Order Commission (which bring them to the decimal point of this Colony) and to assimilate those levied on Local and Intercolonial orders to the sums charged on Imperial and Indian orders.

3.—A Parcel Post with France will probably also shortly be commenced. It may be hoped that it is not far distant when an object, not of an unobtainable nature, will be transmissible by post at a moderate rate.

4.—Continental vigilance will have to be maintained however, to prevent the transmission of articles utterly unsuitable for forwarding by post. A complaint was received during the year from the German Post Office, that a parcel of tea had been forwarded in a Registered Letter from Shanghai had exploded in the travelling Post Office van, thereby nearly leading to an accident the results of which might not have been confined to the Mails or the Mail Officers. Lucifers of Japanese manufacture also took fire in this Office. The sender of the parcel in question had been most ready to argue that they were the most innocuous things in the world. Everybody is always convinced of the harmlessness of his own sample. A tin of sardines, for instance, looks as if it might go round the globe, and so, under favourable circumstances, it might. On the other hand it might not, and twenty deaths with an attendant calamity. It happens to be the bottom packet in a heavy bag, the coals which are carrying that bag to the wharf let it fall, the end of the tin is immediately driven out, and the contents of the bag soaked in oil.

5.—A correspondence arose with the London Office as to whether sugar should be classed as one of those substances which must never be sent by post as all. The letters exchanged are printed in the Appendix. In view of the importance of the growing trade in sugar it is a pity that the transmission of samples cannot be arranged, but it is impossible not to defer to the larger experience of the London Office which proves such transmission to be practically unsafe.

6.—The trouble and delay caused by the large numbers of short-paid newspapers alluded to in last year's Report continued until the London Office cut the knot by sending them all out by private ship. They still arrive (but not by mail) in considerable quantities. All endeavours to get at the senders and impress on them that newspaper postage from the United Kingdom to China is three-half-pence seemed to fail.

7.—This was perhaps partly owing to the idea which prevails that under the Postal Union rate is charged the same postage must be the same in all countries. It is not so. The rules of the Postal Union prescribe limits which must not be exceeded, but within those limits there is a discretion, especially as to the rates on correspondence carried long distances over sea. Hence it is that a newspaper sent from London to China by mail is charged 1½ pence, but by reverse direction 1d. only. Friends out here wrote home and told their friends. The postage is 2 cents, that is to say, a penny, and no amount of official statements could convince the recipients of this information that it was incorrect.

8.—It was found necessary to put a stop to a practice which resulted in a large number of letters without any attempt to prepay them. The senders were mostly clerks, and the reason for this bad habit would generally be found in the fact that the addresses in any given case were employed by some firm, to whose account the postage would be charged instead of coming out of the pocket of the correspondent. Now an unpaid letter gives at least twenty times as much trouble as a paid one, and all unpaid letters tend to retard the delivery of the mail in which they are. The person therefore who, having the means to prepay his letter, does not prepay it, can only be regarded as a public enemy. It has been necessary to remind the senders of this, and who carried on the practice referred to that prepayment of local correspondence is compulsory.

9.—No portion of the community is so determined to send unpaid letters if possible as the less intelligent class of Indian traders, some of whom will wander round the Office trying window after window to get their letters accepted without payment. A number of other respects they are the most troublesome class of people the Post Office here has to deal with. "The careless way in which they write the addresses on letters, the apathy with which they view delay or loss of correspondence, their ineradicable belief that an unpaid letter travels more safely than a paid one, and their incomprehensible custom of refusing correspondence on the ground that they do not know the writer, or that they do not expect a letter"—all these things make them difficult to deal with in Postal business, and to these must be added their cherished habit of affixing stamps on the wrong side of the envelope, their belief that the person to whom a Registered Letter is addressed is bound to take it in, and worst of all, a way they have of complaining that Registered Letters have not been delivered because an answer has not arrived by the very first opportunity, although perhaps there was a heavy time delay on account of a storm.

10.—It has been necessary on two occasions to set in motion the law as to giving accurate notice of the departure of steamers, and several times to threaten to do so. It may be conceded at once the steamers cannot start to the minute, and therefore, unless they are to lose time by waiting for fixed hours, also, once they are in a ship, but it is always best to be in a responsible position to read the Ordinances in a responsible spirit, and not to make difficulties about trifles. Perhaps as the result of this, an idea seems to have grown up that any sort of notice will do for the Post Office Agents.

A pair of the silver-plated glass globes used for Chinese teas were sent to this office by way of an unofficial present, with a view to a slight increase in the value of the tea.

The box was unscrewed to find a piece, and one of the globes was represented only by a handful of fragments. But the other, which came all the way from Beihai wrapped in a mass of brown paper, reached Hongkong unbroken.

11.—Indian Post Office Manual, Preface, p. XXII.

notify their steamers to start at noon when they must know better well than they will never move before evening or perhaps will not into the following day. It may possibly be necessary to take further steps to establish a better state of things, but it is hoped the publication of these remarks will suffice. An hour in the business portion of the day, or two hours at other times (from dark to daylight and continuing however) is the extreme margin which should be allowed to elapse without supplementary notice.

11.—The contract mail will probably continue to leave on Monday during half the year. A letter on this subject from the London Post Office is printed in the Appendix.

12.—In July last the P. & O. Packet *Pekin* broke her shaft soon after leaving Singapore on the outward voyage. The mail was brought on here by the *Denadon* (Blue Funnel line) reaching this Colony and Shanghai four days after the respective contract times. A further delay of two hours in the delivery of the mail, resulted at Shanghai, as there was not time to sort them in this Office.

13.—In February last the Japanese packet *Nemba Maru*, which had on board the French and English Mails for Kobe and the English Mail for Yokohama, broke a piston and had to put into Amoy in distress. After a good deal of telegraphing it was decided to send the mails on from Amoy to Shanghai, and thence through the Inland Sea. The Mitsui Bishi packet waited for them at Shanghai nearly a week and they did not reach their destinations until after considerable delay.

14.—The forwarding of mails to Japan, since the P. & O. packets between Hongkong and that country ceased to be subsidised, has proved a somewhat difficult matter—difficult at least to carry out to the satisfaction of all concerned. Of two steamers starting about the same time to form a reasonable guess as to which will arrive first. The Agents frequently cannot tell to within 12 hours or to how soon their vessels will start. When the chance of catching other packets at Shanghai or Yokohama is added, with a doubt whether the printed Time Table is being strictly observed, the problem often does become rather tough. Difficult as it may be, however, to point out the best route a week before, it is particularly easy to do so a week after, when all the possibilities have become certainties, a distinction perhaps somewhat overlooked by impatient expectants of the Mail, who fail to see why the Post Office cannot be equally quick before the event. The rule of this Office has been *Non risio*, and, failing the appointment of an Agent of the Japanese Post Office or communities to choose the routes for mails, it will be adhered to.

15.—General International Statistics for the settlement of accounts were taken in May last. They passed off smoothly and without any irregularity. The errors in accounts, alluded to in previous Reports, have nearly disappeared as much so in fact as they ever will. It is not possible, under the Union system, to have accounts as closely up to date as when each month's transactions were accounted for at the end of that month.

16.—A considerable increase is observed in the correspondence for Union Countries (other than the United States) forwarded to San Francisco for distribution. That for Canada forms the largest item, but Chinese letters for Hawaii (which has entered the Union) did far to outnumber it. Many Chinese letters were also forwarded to China, Peru, and China, as well as to Costa Rica and the Argentine Republic.

17.—An improvement, suggested by Niel Trotter, Esq., of the Straits Settlements Post Office, has been introduced into the sorting of the French Mail. It is based upon the fact that, in sorting letters to many addresses, more time is consumed in walking to and fro than in the actual placing of the correspondence. It is therefore an economy to detach two officers to perform a preliminary sorting of the correspondence into Sections, which Sections are then sorted, without walking about, by the others. Although the staff is necessarily reduced by two, as the work is much less in sorted time, the plan is found to save about fifteen minutes out of two hours. It may be possible eventually to apply it to newspapers also.

18.—A table will be found in the Appendix showing the amount of correspondence posted in the Pillar boxes at the West End of the Town, which are cleared three times a day. As will be seen, the numbers are not large, but the boxes are maintained, as it is desirable to have frequent communication along a long line of road. Should the Town

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business Contributed during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1881, on or before March 31st, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. COOKE,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, March 1, 1882. apl

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

ON and after the 1st Proximo, the Company's STEAMERS will run Monthly between AMOY, HONGKONG, and BATAVIA direct, taking Cargo at through rates for JAVA PORTS.

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JAIDINE, MATHEWSON & Co.,
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Hongkong, March 1, 1882. apl

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The Wisdom of Many and the Wit of One.

The Title of an Abolished Emperor's Wife.

Wanted Students and Refreshing Beverages.

Man-ho among a Tibetan Tribe.

The Kin Dynasty of Tungusian Origin.

Officers Selected by the 大挑 Selection.

A Waggon Emperor.

A Pair of Visitors during the Tung and Ming Dynasty.

An Error in the Chinese Calendar.

The Chinese Calendar.

Errata.

Books Wanted, Exchange, &c.

Hongkong, January 18, 1882.

Insurances.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF

MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £100,000

Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000

Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Corporation at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

ADAMSON, HELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 3, 1881. 3my82

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to Grant Insurances against FIRE at current Rates.

MEYER & Co.,
Hongkong, May 10, 1881. 10my82

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. MARCH 13, 1882.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Price.	Reserve.	Working Account.	Last Dividend.	Quotations.	Cash.
HK and S'hai Bank	40,000	125	125	2,100,000	63,630.45	40	115	2
INSURANCE.								
Nat. China Ins.	1,000,000	2,000	2,000	2,000,000	125,064.91	75	1175	p.sh.
Yonghai Ins.	1,200,000	3,600	3,600	3,600,000	18,447.56	12	880	
Union Ins. Soc.	500	2,500	500	2,500,000	437,688.58	144.27	8160	
China Traders' Insurance	600	1,600	600	1,600,000	91,928.40	20	15160	
C'ron Ins. Office	10,000	250	100	2,500,000	42,800.79	0.75	880	per share
Chinese Ins. Co.	1,500	1,000	200	2,000,000	223,842.8	265,468.72	875	8850
HK Fire Ins.	2,000	1,000	200	2,000,000	450,632.8	134,636.91	18	8285
China Fire Ins.	4,000	500	100	5,000,000				
STEAM C'PANIES.								
HK C. and M. Steamboat	8,000	100	75	135,000		5	824	prem.
MICHELSON'S DOCK.								
HK & W'p'oa Dock	10,000	125	125	1,100,000	3,180.51	4	53	
HK & C'ron Dock	10,000	10	10	1,100,000				
Yonghai Hotel	2,000	100	100	2,000,000				
China Sugar Co.	6,000	100	100	6,000,000				
Yonghai Tea Co.	1,200	100	100	1,200,000				
Yonghai Bakery	600	50	50	600,000				

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Price.	Reserve.	Working Account.	Last Dividend.	Quotations.	Cash.
Ch. Ins.	1874	6,250	100	all	8	June 30	1881	
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Visitors' Column.

We have instituted an experiment a VISITORS' COLUMN, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as are considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with we have opened a SELECT HOTEL and BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall, Library (8,000 volumes) and Museum, Free.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque retreat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road (Central), in a line with Pedder's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club, German Club, Supreme Court, &c., within a stone's throw.

Laetiano Club, and Library, Shelley St.

Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c., near the Public Gardens.

St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above the Parade Ground.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington Street.

Union Church, Elgin Street.

St. Peter's Seamen's Church, West Point.

St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden Road, near Kennedy Road.

Temperance Hall, specially adapted for sea-faring men, Queen's Road East.

Sailors' Home, West Point.

E. E. A. and China Telegraph Co., and the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Marine House, Queen's Road.

Masonic Hall, Zetland Street.

Victoria Recreation Club—Bath-house and Boat-house, &c.—Praya, beyond the Cricket Ground, beside the City Hall.

The Barracks and Naval and Military Store Departments lie to the eastward, and cover a large area.

Stores, Books, &c.

American and English Stores, Books, and specially selected Cigars—MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.

Chair and Boat Hire.

LOCALISED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BEARERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Ordinary Pullagey Boats.

Half hour, 10 cts. Hour, 20 cts. Three hours, 50 cts. Six hours, 70 cts. Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

TO VICTORIA PEAK.

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, 1.00

Three Coolies, 0.75

Two Coolies, 0.50

Return (direct or by Pok-fo-hum).

Four Coolies, 1.50

Three Coolies, 1.00

Two Coolies, 0.75

TO VICTORIA GAY (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA SEAT).

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, 0.50

Three Coolies, 0.40